

Department of Natural Resources Impact in Grant County

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources aims to excel at working and partnering with the public to protect and manage the state's natural resources while supporting the economy and the well-being of our citizenry.



Did you know?

In 2011, Wisconsin had

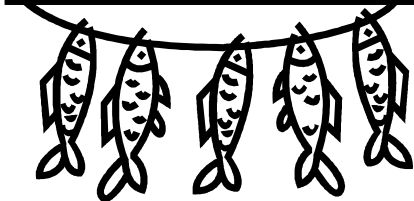
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RESIDENT HUNTERS

In 2011, fishing in Wisconsin had an economic impact of over

\$1.4 billion



In Grant County, **30,476** licenses were sold in 2013-14.

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Investments in Recreation

In fiscal year 2014, **Nelson Dewey** and **Wyalusing State Park** had close to **214,990 visitors** that made an **estimated local impact of \$11,908,865**.

Grant County has over **20,601 acres** of state owned lands open to public hunting and outdoor recreation.

The DNR has recently invested **\$2,558,772 in state managed properties** in Grant County, including upgrades and repairs to Nelson Dewey State Park and Wyalusing State Park.

In 2014, DNR **stocked 960 pheasants** in Grant County. This results in increased hunting opportunities, which helps the local economy. Pheasant stocking continues to be a priority to promote and sustain pheasant hunting in Wisconsin.

DNR offers a variety of safety classes around the state annually. In 2013, a total of **519 citizens** became **hunter, ATV, boating and snowmobile** certified in Grant County.

Community Partnerships

Platteville Public Library in Grant County was one of **17 libraries** chosen to test pilot **Outdoor Explorer Backpacks**. The backpacks encourage kids and families to get outdoors and explore Wisconsin's natural resources.

The **DNR's Landowner Incentive Program** has provided over **\$50,000** in cost-share funds to private landowners in Grant County since 2006. The program helps private landowners create and manage habitat for species that are rare or declining, including yellow-billed cuckoo, whip-poor-will and northern cricket frog.

Snapshot of grants in Grant County

A total of **\$1,953,036** was awarded in Grant County for **water quality, outdoor recreation, fish and wildlife habitat, public health and safety and forestry activities**. A few activities include: Construction at Wyalusing State Park, Aquatic Invasive Species planning and education and snowmobile trail maintenance.

****Numbers reflect the July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014 time period.**

Forestry Activities

Forestry is one of the **top 10 employers** in Grant County. It produces **\$77.1 million** in economic output providing **\$17.7 million** in added value to the county.

Since June 2010, **DNR has provided over \$104,099 to private forest owners in the county to assist them in protecting and enhancing their forested lands and waters.**

Since 2011, Grant County has received \$81,540 in Urban Forestry grants to support new, innovative projects that will develop sustainable urban and community forestry programs.

Grant County has 2,991 acres of private land open for public access for recreation as a result of tax law programs (Forest Crop and MFL). The Tax Law Programs encourage proper management of timber, wildlife, water quality and the environment through written management plans for a landowner's property.

Since 2005, **over 3,597 cord equivalents of timber products have been harvested from state-owned land** in Grant County. The harvests provided over **\$71,358 in revenue** to the state and contributed employment opportunities and raw materials to the local economy.

Since 2011, **DNR has granted \$11,831 to local Fire Departments** in Grant County to purchase equipment and supplies that improve their capability and safety on wild land fires.

Environmental Cleanup Efforts

DNR approved **cleanups at 392 contaminated properties resulting in 28 acres being made available for reuse.** DNR staff assures these cleanups provide long-term protection of public health and environment.

DNR responded to **18 spills of hazardous materials** over the past 3 years.

DNR provided **\$471,989 in reimbursements** over the past 3 years for expenses relating to the **investigation and cleanup of petroleum contamination from product storage systems.**

Deer Management in Grant County

In 2014, Grant County established a County Deer Advisory Council. One council per county, they provide input and recommendations to the DNR on deer management.

In 2013, a total of 6,412 deer were registered in Door County with 1,124 harvested during archery deer season and 5,288 harvested during the gun deer season.